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2.  Following my above meeting with Mr. Slatinshek he called in John J. Ford, of the Committee staff, and we discussed the problem of the "Fulbright amendment" to the Military Procurement Authorization bill which goes to the House-Senate Conference next week. Slatinshek was under the impression that the amendment would cause grave problems for the Agency's operations in Southeast Asia and asked what we proposed to do about it. I explained to him our earlier meeting with Russ Blandford and Pentagon representatives (see Journal of 3 September) with which Slatinshek was apparently unfamiliar. I went on to say we had since discussed the matter among ourselves and that our current, but perhaps not final, position was that while the amendment might cause us some trouble, it was unlikely it could be struck out of the bill entirely and as an alternative it might be amended as Blandford had suggested. Slatinshek was puzzled and obviously annoyed that the DOD had not taken exception to the Fulbright amendment, and asked that we provide him by close of business tomorrow, Friday, 18 September, any arguments which Chairman Rivers might use in seeking (a) the deletion and (b) the revision, of the Fulbright amendment. <sup>25X1</sup>



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